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SUBJ: ALLEGED DETENTION OF MPLA MEMBERS IN KINSHASA

1. JOHN HAILONDA, MPLA'S LUSAKS REP, TOLD EMBOFF SEPT 7 SOME TWENTY MPLA MEMBERS HAVE BEEN "ARRESTED" BY HOLDEN ROBERTO AND FNLA IN KINSHASA AND ARE STILL BEING DETAINED. SAID MPLA MEMBERS HAD GONE KINSHASA OPEN MPLA OFFICE THERE AND WORK WITH FNLA IN SUPREME COUNCIL FOR LIBERATION OF ANGOLA. HAILONDA WONDERED ABOUT FNLA'S COMMITMENT TO LAST YEAR'S KINSHASA AGREEMENT AND ASSERTED MPLA STILL STOOD FOR UNITY OF ALL ANGOLAN MOVEMENTS. HE CONFIRMED THERE NO REAL PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT.

2. WHILE HANDING EMBOFF PRESS RELEASE STATING PROTUGUESE DEFEATS ON INCREASE, HAILONDA ADMITTED MPLA'S PROGRESS IN ANGOLA HAS BEEN SLOWED DOWN BY CONTINUING INTERNAL DISSENSION RESULTING FROM FORMER VICE PRESIDENT DANIEL CHIPENDA'S DEPARTURE. INDICATED MPLA HOPES BEGIN OPERATIONS AGAIN SOON IN EASTERN ANGOLA BUT FROM ACROSS ZAIRE BORDER.

3. INTERESTINGLY HAILONDA ACCUSED USG OF SECRETLY SUPPORTING
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UNITA AND CHIPENDA FACTION. SAID USG'S PURPOSE WAS TO CREATE

DISUNITY IN LIBERATION STRUGGLE. FOR THESE REASONS HE SAID
MPLA CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAD ORDERED HIM MINIMIZE CONTACTS WITH
EMBASSY.

4. COMMENT: HAILONDA' ATTITUDE NOT HOSTILE. PROMISED MEET
EMBOFF AGAIN NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS US POSITION ON ANGOLA. HIS
CHARGE THAT USG SUPPORTING UNITA MAY DERIVE FROM KNOWLEDGE OF
AFRICAN LIBERATION SUPPORT COMMITTEE GROUP WHICH HAS FUNDS
FOR UNITA (DAR ES SALAAM 2939).
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